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AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF AMMUNITION FOR AVALANCHE CONTROL

APRIL 25 (legislative day, APRIL 24), 1984.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. TOWER, from the Committee on Armed Services, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2100]

The Committee on Armed Services, to which was referred the bill (S. 2100) to authorize the sale of ammunition to States and other non-Federal entities for the purpose of avalanche control, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the sale of ammunition to the States, or their designees, for avalanche control.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Currently, the States may obtain ammunition for use in avalanche control through the Defense Property Disposal Service. Only surplus ammunition can be provided. This legislation will permit the Department of Defense to sell more reliable nonsurplus ammunition which will reduce the potential hazards to public safety from unexploded ordnance.

The bill provides that:

(1) Authorization for the sale of ammunition applies to the States, or State-authorized non-Federal entities;

(2) Sales are to be on a reimbursable basis; and

(3) Sales are subject to the condition that the ammunition be used only for the purpose of avalanche control.

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DEPARTMENTAL POSITION

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
Washington, D.C., January 23, 1984.

Hon. JOHN TOWER,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request to the Secretary of Defense for the views of the Department of Defense on S. 2100, 98th Congress, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to sell ammunition for use for avalanche-control purposes. The Department of the Army has been assigned responsibility for expressing the views of the Department of Defense on this bill.

The title of the bill states its purpose.

The Department of the Army on behalf of the Department of Defense favors the bill.

Currently, the various States may obtain ammunition for use in avalanche control through the Defense Property Disposal Service. Only surplus ammunition can be provided. This legislation will permit the Army to sell more reliable, nonsurplus ammunition which will reduce the likelihood of unexploded rounds remaining in the potential avalanche area.

Since the ammunition will be sold on a reimbursable basis, there will be no fiscal impact on the Army.

This report has been coordinated within the Department of Defense in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that, from the standpoint of the administration's program, there is no objection to the presentation of this report for the consideration of the committee.

Sincerely,

PAT HILLIER,
Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Installations, Logistics and Financial Management).

COMMITTEE ACTION ON THE BILL

On April 11, 1984, the Committee on Armed Services, by unanimous vote, ordered the bill to be reported favorably.

REGULATORY IMPACT

In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the committee finds that no regulatory impact will be incurred in the implementation of this legislation.

COST ESTIMATE

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, D.C., April 11, 1984.

Hon. JOHN TOWER,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed S. 2100, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to sell ammunition for use for avalanche-control purposes, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Armed Services, April 11, 1984.

We expect that no significant additional cost to the Federal, State, or local governments would be incurred as a result of enactment of this legislation. The bill specifies that sales of ammunition for avalanche-control purposes would be on a reimbursable basis.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them.

Sincerely,

RUDOLPH G. PENNER.

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